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This is in response to the Office communication concerning the subject application mailed December 18, 2003.

In that communication the Examiner stated "The response filed September 8, 2003, is deemed to be non-compliant because a complete listing of the claims has not been provided, as per the Revised Amendment Practice Rules attached herewith."

We have reviewed the Revised Amendment Practice Rules and can find no requirement for a complete listing of the claims in the present situation where no amendment has been made to the claims. Nevertheless, a complete listing of the claims follows together with a copy of the Remarks previously presented with our response filed September 8, 2003.

Also, we are enclosing a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report from the corresponding PCT application No. PCT/US02/35310 that has the same specification and claims as the subject application. That International Preliminary Examination Report comments on the references submitted with our Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 2, 2003.

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